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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING MAY 16,
1974:

QUOTE: Q. DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE AN ATTITUDE
CONCERNING ISRAELI RAIDS TODAY THAT MAY HAVE BEEN IN
RETALIATION TO THE MURDER OF THE STUDENTS YESTERDAY?

A. I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THE WHITE HOUSE SPOKE TO THIS
SUBJECT JUST A LITTLE WHILE BACK. AND I BELIEVE THAT
SEVERAL POINTS WERE MADE. ONE IS THAT THEY REITERATED, AND
WE WOULD CERTAINLY REITERATE ALSO, OUR POLICY WITH RESPECT
TO TERRORISM, WHICH REALLY HAS TWO POINTS TO IT. ONE IS
OUR DETERMINATION TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND ASSISTANCE IN
COMBATTING ALL ACTS OF TERRORISM. NEEDLESS TO SAY, IT IS
PARTICULARLY DAMAGING AT A TIME WHEN EFFORTS ARE UNDER WAY
TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

IT WAS ALSO POINTED OUT AT THE WHITE HOUSE THAT THE CON-
TINUING CYCLES OF VIOLENCE CAN ONLY OBSTRUCT THE ACHIEVEMENT
OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THAT
INCLUDES ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

Q. THE LAST UN RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ISRAELI RAIDS
RETALIATION FOR QUIRYAT SHMONA. IS OUR POLICY THE SAME
TODAY AS IT WAS IN THAT SITUATION?

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A. YES. I BELIEVE IT WAS POINTED OUT IN JERUSALEM BY OUR
PARTY THAT ONE HAS TO LOOK AT EACH CASE. AND ALSO IT WAS
POINTED OUT THAT OUR SENSE OF OUTRAGE WAS REFLECTED WITH
RESPECT TO THE LATEST INCIDENT OF YESTERDAY IN THE
SECRETARY'S STATEMENT ON THE INCIDENT.

Q. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, WHERE WE HAVE ANNOUNCED OUR
OUTRAGE, DID THE UNITED STATES URGE ANY RESTRAINT ON

ISRAEL, OR DO WE IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE CONDONE THE EYE-FOR-AN-EYE POLICY?

A. I CAN'T COMMENT ON DISCUSSIONS WHICH MAY HAVE OR MAY NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN ISRAEL ITSELF. I THINK THE POSITION OR THE POLICY OF THIS GOVERNMENT WAS WHAT I SIMPLY STATED JUST A LITTLE BIT EARLIER, WITH RESPECT TO THE CYCLES OF VIOLENCE WHICH CAN ONLY OBSTRUCT IN OUR VIEW A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE AREA.

Q. YOU SAID LOOK AT THESE EACH CASE BY CASE. ARE YOU INDICATING THAT IF THE MATTER COMES BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL AGAIN THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL RETURN TO ITS POSITION DEMANDING THAT ANY RESOLUTION CONTAIN CONDEMNATION BY NAME OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS AS WELL AS --

A. I SIMPLY CANNOT SPECULATE ON OR PREDICT THE FUTURE.
END QUOTE. RUSH

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